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SENATE BILL 1216
Education Committee Substitute Adopted 6/29/92

Short Title: School Funding Pilot/Mecklenburg.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to: Education.

June 8, 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE
2 THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION TO USE
3 FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR TEACHER ASSISTANTS FOR TEACHERS
4 UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The State Board of Education may authorize a two-year pilot
7 project in the Mecklenburg County School Administrative Unit so that the Charlotte-
8 Mecklenburg Board of Education may reduce class size in grades kindergarten through
9 3 in certain schools by using State funds appropriated for teacher assistants for
10 certificated teachers.

11 The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall use this authority only
12 if the parents and the certificated employees in a school vote to approve of the board's
13 plan for using the authority at their school:

14 (a) If the board develops a plan for the kindergarten level at a school, the
15 certificated kindergarten staff and the parents of kindergarten children
16 enrolled in the school shall vote by secret ballot on the plan. The board
17 shall implement the plan only if a majority of those voting in each
18 group approve the plan.

19 (b) If the board develops a plan for grades 1 through 3 at a school, the
20 certificated staff at the school for those grades and the parents of
21 children enrolled in those grades in the school shall vote by secret
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1 ballot on the plan. The board shall implement the plan only if a
2 majority of those voting in each group approve the plan.

3 The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall not abolish any State-
4 funded teacher assistant position that is filled on June 1, 1992, to implement this pilot
5 project, and no more than 75 State-funded teacher assistant positions shall be abolished
6 to implement this pilot project.

7 The pilot project may be implemented in no more than 18 World Class Pilot
8 Schools, which shall be designated by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

9 Sec. 2. The State Board shall study the impact of this pilot project on student
10 performance and shall report the results of its study to the Joint Legislative Education
11 Oversight Committee by January 1, 1995.

12 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992, and expires July 1, 1994.